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Voter registration deadline Feb. 5 for March Primary Election, voter registration drive next week at DPS driver's license offices

AUSTIN - The Travis County Tax Office is gearing up for the Primary Election voter registration deadline, Monday, Feb. 5, by providing several locations where you can register to vote.

The tax office is working with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to offer voter registration at several of its driver's license locations, beginning Monday, Jan. 29 through the Feb. 5 deadline. Voter registration applications are available during business hours at any of the five tax office locations in Travis County. Voter registration will be available until midnight on Feb. 5 at the main tax office, 5501 Airport Blvd.

Voter registration is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays, Monday through Feb. 5, at the following DPS driver's license office locations:

- 6425 S. IH 35, Suite 180
- 13730 Research Boulevard
- 216 E. Wells Branch Parkway

Voter registration is also available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Monday, Feb. 5, at the driver's license office on north Lamar, 6121 N. Lamar Blvd.

Voter registration applications are available at many businesses in Travis County, libraries and postal locations. You can also find them every business day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the tax office's branch locations:

- 4705 Heflin Lane
- 8656 W. Highway 71, Building B
- 4011 McKinney Falls Parkway
- 15822 Foothill Farms Loop, Pflugerville

Voter registration is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7:30 a.m. to midnight on Feb. 5, at the main tax office, 5501 Airport Blvd.

Early voting for the primary begins Feb. 20. The Primary Election is March 6. A record number of women – more than 100 – are vying for political office statewide this year, according to recent media reports. National, state and local offices are part of this year's ballot. The General Election, often referred to as the "midterm" election, will be Nov. 6.

"We've seen a lot of local political activism from the right and the left in Travis County since the 2016 Presidential Election," said Bruce Elfant, the Travis County voter registrar. "What we hope is that everyone – no matter what the issue or position – has awakened to the importance of exercising their civic duty to vote." Marching does not change your government representation, but voting does, Elfant added.

"We have the freedom in this country to protest en masse to call attention to our concerns, but the only way to get action in government is to get out and vote en masse for people who represent your views," Elfant said.

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The **Travis County Tax Office** annually collects more than \$4 billion in local property taxes for 126 local government entities and \$4 million in fines and fees for Justice of the Peace and County Courts at Law. The office registers and titles almost 1 million vehicles, registers over 700,000 voters, and supports elections for 201 local government entities. The Tax Office operates five locations in Travis County and many services are available online.